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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA  
TO AMEMBASSY MEXICO  
INFO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR  
SECSTATE WASHDC 1108

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DEPT PASS GAO WASHDC

FROM DIRECTOR, GAO LATIN AMERICA BRANCH

EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: AGAO  
SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW MARKETING OF COFFEE

REF: A. STATE 046482, B. MEXICO 2992 C. DEMARCO LTR DTD 3/2/77

(1) CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS & TIME CONSTRAINTS ON SUBJECT REVIEW  
MAKE IT COMPELLING FOR GAO TEAM TO ARRIVE MEXICO ON APRIL 5, 1977.

(2) TEAM RECOGNIZES UNAVAILABILITY OF HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS &  
OTHERS DURING HOLY WEEK (4/4-8). ACCORDINGLY, TO EXPEDITE REVIEW  
EFFORT & EFFECTIVELY USE TIME ON 4/7-8, REQUEST EMBASSY OFFICIALS, TO  
EXTENT POSSIBLE, HAVE THE FOLLOWING DATA AVAILABLE FOR GAO  
REVIEW UPON 4/5 ARRIVAL.

A. AMOUNT OF ACREAGE IN COFFEE PRODUCTION BY STATE OR OTHER AREA.  
B. AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.  
C. NUMBER & RELATIVE SIZE OF GROWERS, EXPORTERS, & OTHER COFFEE  
HANDLERS IN THE MARKETING CHAIN.  
D. STORAGE LOCATIONS, CAPACITIES, & INVENTORIES OF GROWERS,

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EXPORTERS, INTERMEDIARIES & GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, IF APPLICABLE.  
E. PRICES PAID TO GROWERS, INTERMEDIARIES & EXPORTERS.  
F. AVERAGE WAGE RATES PAID BY GROWERS, INTERMEDIARIES &  
EXPORTERS.  
G. COFFEE CONSUMPTION STATISTICS & PRICES.  
H. COFFEE IMPORTS (IF ANY) & SOURCE OF IMPORTS.  
I. COFFEE EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.

J. AVERAGE COST OF PRODUCING COFFEE.

K. COST OF COFFEE TO FOB POINTS.

L. COPIES OF LATEST REPORTS PREPARED BY FAS.

M. COPIES OF ANY SPECIAL COFFEE MARKETING REPORTS PREPARED BY EMBASSY.

(3) THE AVAILABILITY OF SUCH DATE FOR GAO REVIEW ON 4/7-8 WOULD DO MUCH TOWARD ENHANCING TALKS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS, HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS, EXPORTERS AND ASSOCIATIONS DURING WEEK OF 4/11-15. AFTER COMPLETION OF WORK IN MEXICO TEAM PLANS TO GO DIRECT TO SAN SALVADOR.

(4) TEAM CONSISTS OF MATTERS, HAMMOND & SEIDL. MATTERS TO BE WITH TEAM FIRST FEW DAYS ONLY. SECURITY CLEARANCE ON MATTERS & HAMMOND PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED IN REF. C. SEIDL CLEARANCE AS FOLLOWS: TOP SECRET, FULL FIELD CSC INVESTIGATION DTD 6/8/65.

(5) TEAM PLANS TO ARRIVE MEXICO CITY ON PAN AM 502 AT 1240 ON APRIL 5. REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS, 3 SINGLE ROOMS & PICK UP AT AIRPORT. PLEASE CONFIRM.

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